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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

It is always a great opportunity and privilege to communicate with our members through the Newsletter.

Looking back on the past year, I feel that we were able to consolidate and enhance all ongoing initiatives and projects of ESSFN. Our relationships with other important societies such as EANS and WSSFN were strengthened, and as always, we look forward to our collaboration with other important societies in ESSFN Congress 2016.

It is well known that the bi-annual ESSFN Congress remains the most important event in our calendar. Developments in the wider Middle East, that inevitably affect neighboring countries and Europe as a whole, led to substantial concerns regarding the security of participants and the expected attendance of the forthcoming Congress intended to take place in Istanbul in Autumn 2016. These concerns were further substantiated by reservations expressed by certain important sponsoring companies. In this climate, questions started arising on whether we should select another city, instead of Istanbul, as the destination of Congress 2016 and, consequently, postpone the organization of the ESSFN Congress in Istanbul for another occasion, in the next few years. Various recent unfortunate events greatly intensified these arguments immediately prior to the Officer's Meeting in Istanbul in January 2016. During this meeting after a thorough exchange of opinions, the need to change the seat of the Congress 2016 became clear and inevitable. The obvious alternative choice was Madrid, the city destined to organize the ESSFN Congress 2018. Luckily, Prof. Juan Garcia was able and willing, under these pressing circumstances, to host the Congress in Madrid, on the same dates, already scheduled for ESSFN Congress 2016, and in the same conference center, that had been already approved as the venue for Congress 2018.

The Board, after review of the evidence, concluded that certain aspects of the available sensitive information and correspondence that led to this decision, would not be fair to become a matter of a protracted debate, and to be disseminated widely. Notably, the Executive Committee members who expressed their views to the Board, were supportive of the decision which they found wise and necessary. Due to contractual obligations, this change of the Congress seat will have some financial consequences for ESSFN, and the Board is conducting currently negotiations with the original Turkish congress-organizing company in order to keep this cost to an absolute minimum. As a final remark, on this difficult issue, I would like, on behalf of the Board, to express the deep sympathy and great appreciation of the Society to Prof. Ali Savas for his hard work so far in order to organize a successful Congress. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond his control, necessitated the above-described decision of the Board. I would like also to express to Prof. Juan Barcia all the best wishes for a successful Congress this Autumn in Madrid.

With regard to the other initiatives of ESSFN, I am pleased to inform you that all our projects proceed according to the predetermined timetable. In particular, the Program of Educational Courses is expanding. This program started in Spring 2014 in Marseille, and the first comprehensive Educational Cycle, consisting of six modules (Basics, Radiosurgery, Research & Psychiatric Disorders, Pain, Movement Disorders, Epilepsy) is going to be completed in Autumn 2018. I would like to express the great appreciation of all the Board members to the Chairman of the Educational Committee, Prof. Jean Regis for his hard work, also to thank all members of the Educational Committee, the local and invited speakers and the companies for their sponsorship of the various courses. We are particularly pleased that the ex-President Prof. J. Krauss has joined the Educational Committee and he will contribute to the high quality of future courses.

With respect, to the formulation of Training Charters, I am pleased to announce that the most recent Training Charter on Spasticity Surgery Added Competence has received positive comments during its presentation at the meeting of UEMS in Madrid in October 2015. Finally, I should inform you that our membership remains strong, and all other initiatives such as the Newsletter, the Website, and the Journal will continue to allow us to inform our members, update them and disseminate world-wide their clinical and research work and other projects.

I wish you all the very best in your personal and professional endeavors, and invite you to participate enthusiastically in the forthcoming ESSFN Congress 2016 in Madrid. Please also try to urge strongly and encourage many of your other colleagues to participate actively in our Congress. See you all in Madrid!



Damianos E. Sakas
President ESSFN
Athens, Greece

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

In few years the training of young neurosurgeons to stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery has become a major activity of the ESSFN. After a module about basics in Marseille in April 2014, a module about methodology of research & surgery of psychiatric disease in Lausanne in May 2015, a module about Epilepsy Surgery in Gent in November 2013, a module about radiosurgery in September 2015, the Educational committee is working actively on the preparation of the upcoming meeting dedicated to pain and spasticity neurosurgical management (23-25 of May 2016). Our local host Gaston Schechtman has been very successful in putting together an outstanding faculty and there is no doubt that this course will be of very high quality. You can access all the information related to the program, the registration, local accommodation and more on our website (www.essfntrainingcourse.mcocongres.com). Please communicate this information to all young (or less young) neurosurgeons around you, interested in Pain and spasticity training and those interested to pass the European diploma of Functional Neurosurgery. Few days ago

our friend Pr Marwan Hariz and the Queen square team have run in London, under the umbrella of the ESSFN, the third «Noble Art of Lesioning» course. Each issue of this course is more successful and close to 100 Neurosurgeons, Neurologists and Psychiatrists were attending the course this year! This impressive success is confirming the renewal of interest of our community worldwide for lesional technics in complement of deep brain stimulation. The next issue of the course will be organized in Boston (Fall 2017) with Pr Rees Cosgrove serving as a local host.

Our next congress of the ESSFN in Madrid (28 Sept – 01 Oct) is approaching rapidly and the abstract submission is now open (deadline: 15 June).



Jean Regis
Secretary, ESSFN



The leading faculty of
"Noble art of lesioning":
Prof. Jean Regis,
Prof. Rees Cosgrove,
Prof. Marwan Hariz and
Prof. Takaomi Taira.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The Society's financial situation is solid and has changed little in the past year as we are in between conferences. The membership fees are used in part to support educational activities of the society. However, the educational courses that the ESSFN organized in the past two years were almost financially self-supporting due to continuing support from our partners from medical industry. The rest of the membership fees roughly cover the running costs of the society. The ESSFN pays a contribution to the World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery of which we all are members and pays for our joint subscription to online access to the journal Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

The XXIst ESSFN conference in Maastricht 2014 enhanced the financial security of the Society greatly. We are now looking forward to the XXIInd edition of the ESSFN congress, to be held in Madrid from Sept 28th – Oct 1st 2016. A large attendance will enhance the scientific value of the conference and strengthen our ties of friendship and collaboration. It will also further strengthen our financial position. Therefore both as your colleague and as your treasurer I expect the Madrid conference to be as successful as the previous edition and hope to see you all there.



Rick Schuurman
Treasurer, ESSFN

**XXII CONGRESS OF THE
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FOR STEREOTACTIC
AND FUNCTIONAL
NEUROSURGERY**



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XXII ESSFN CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT, MADRID, 2016

On behalf of the organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure, to welcome you to Madrid for the XXII ESSFN Congress, from September 28th to October 1st, 2016.

The congress has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive review of the latest research and technical developments in all the different fields of functional neurosurgery. We hope you feel it interesting and nice.

Distinguished neurosurgeons and scientist have joined the faculty of the congress. The organizers and myself invite you to enjoy every lecture, every round table and every poster because they represent the effort of people working together about stereotactic and functional neurosurgery all over the world. This is a great opportunity to learn, to grow and to generate new ideas.

We are sure we all love our profession and the possibility to innovate, but we also know that everything works as a chain piece, as a team. This is what happens in this congress: that every one of you is important for the ESSFN 2016 success. With you, this will be a major scientific event.

Nothing in life is so grateful and satisfactory as sharing, to share knowledge about medicine and life, to share science progress for helping our patients, to share every moment with close friends.

We want to acknowledge the important contribution of the industry, the staff, our colleagues, our friends and our families.

I invite you to live and enjoy every moment of the congress, and also to enjoy the lovely city of Madrid.



Yours sincerely,
Prof. Juan A. Barcia
Congress Chairman

EUROPEAN SOCIETY for STEREOTACTIC and FUNCTIONAL NEUROSURGERY



ELIGIBILITY



FUNDING

2016 ESSFN RESEARCH GRANT

In agreement with our Constitution and By-Laws, it was decided by the Board of Officers to promote basic or clinical research projects in the field of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery with a Research Grant available every two years.

The application (curriculum vitae, research project and budget) must be sent by surface mail – or alternatively by email to the Secretary:

Prof Jean Regis, Service de Neurochirurgie
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The research project must address either a clinical or an experimental topic in the field of stereotactic and functional neurosurgery

The applicant must be a member of the ESSFN. There is no age limit.

The selection will be made by an independent committee which will be commissioned by the officers and the result will be announced at the ESSFN Madrid 2016 Congress.

Scientific conclusions of the selected project and financial balance must be reported in September 2018, and presented during the 2018 ESSFN Congress.

THE RESEARCH GRANT AMOUNT IS: 10.000 Euros

The financing of the project will be progressive and will be distributed:

October 2016 (selection) :	5.000 €
During 2017 (on written proofs):	3.000 €
At the conclusion of the report:	2.000 €

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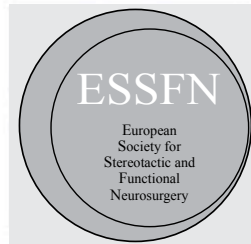
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2016 ESSFN Best Publication Award
on Electrical Brain Stimulation

At the Officers' Meeting in Lausanne in October 2009, it was decided to establish a new award – the ESSFN publication award on electrical brain stimulation.

The profile and financial honorarium associated with this award is clearly different from that of the ESSFN research grant. The award will be advertised by ESSFN and be bestowed biannually on the occasion of the ESSFN Congress.

The publication must have been published in 2015 or 2016 in a peer-reviewed journal, or it must be available at least online in PubMed. Manuscripts neither online or published, i.e. those "in press" or "accepted" are not being considered. The topic of the study may be clinical or experimental, however, it has to deal with the issue of electrical brain stimulation. The ESSFN member must be either the first or the last author of the manuscript. The successful candidate will be selected by a committee of distinguished experts. The prize will be awarded on two articles during the ESSFN Congress.

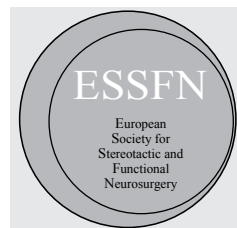
The application (along with four copies of the publication) must be sent by surface mail – or alternatively by email to the Secretary:

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**Note: The applicant must be a member of the ESSFN.
 There is no age limit.**

Best Publication Award Honorarium: 2.000 Euros

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ELIGIBILITY



FUNDING

2016 ESSFN PRESENTATION AWARDS

In agreement with our Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Officers decided to promote basic or clinical research projects in the field of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery by appreciating and highlighting the scientific input of our colleagues with the Best Oral Presentation and Best Poster Presentation Awards.

All abstracts which will be selected by the Board to be presented during the ESSFN Congress 2016 would be also evaluated for the Best Oral Presentation and Best Presentation Awards.

The evaluation will be made by two independent committees consisted by esteemed colleagues and the awardees will be announced during the Closing Ceremony of the Congress.

All colleagues are welcome and strongly urged to submit abstracts via the official website of the Congress aiming to scientifically support the particular session of the Congress but also to have the opportunity to see their work being bestowed one of the Best Oral Presentation or Best Poster Presentation Awards.

Best Oral Presentation Awards: 2 x 1.000 Euros

Best Poster Presentation Awards: 2 x 500 Euros

ESSFN HANDS-ON TRAINING COURSE

Neurosurgery for Pain and Spasticity

Karolinska Institute & Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, May 23-25, 2016

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ESSFN MISSION

The European Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery (ESSFN) is a multinational non-profit organization with a long and rich history.

The mission

The principal objectives of the society are:

1. to study and teach the methods of functional and stereotactic neurosurgery as applied in the human nervous system as well as to promote scientific investigations in connection with these endeavours
2. to investigate the etiology and mechanisms of diseases of the nervous system and their treatment and to teach and promote the investigation of the function of the nervous system and its components,
3. to establish scholarships for educational training in these fields,
4. to promote scientific and medical research in these areas, and
5. to promote, sponsor or solicit assistance for all related activities.

The society strives to achieve its objectives through:

1. congresses, lectures and practical courses as well as scientific publications
2. personal contacts and close relationships among the members themselves and with physicians and scientists in all specialized fields related to stereotactic and functional surgery of the nervous system.

Journal

The journal Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery is the official journal of ESSFN.

Membership

There are five different categories of membership: active, associate, resident, honorary and benefactor. The membership has increased steadily over the past few years.

New members are cordially welcome to the ESSFN. Note the special fee for residents. Benefits include intense contact with colleagues from other European countries, free access to the online version of the journal Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery and at a reduced cost to the printed version, free newsletter, possibilities to serve on the society's committees and boards, preferences for selection of candidates for teaching courses, reduced fees at congresses.

To become a member please send your CV and the membership application form to one of the officers of the society.

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